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## Man jailed on child endangerment charges

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Friday on multiple charges of endangering a child and criminal negligence following what local law enforcement officials described as a family violence situation.

Stacy Lynn Pendleton, 29, was

arrested on charges of endangering a child (three counts), criminal negligence (three counts), resisting arrest and assault on a public servant.

Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness said Pendleton's arrest came as a result of an ongoing investigation.

"Pendleton had just gotten out

of prison," said Chamness. "He's a sex offender, and had been arrested for failing to register. According to the reports, he was upset with his wife and had already assaulted her, after which he took their three children in the car with him and intentionally wrecked the vehicle."

Chamness said the children

are 2, 3 and 8 years of age.

"The investigation began with a call from Victim Services," said Chamness. "They received an anonymous call from someone saying they feared for the safety of Pendleton's wife, at which time they were bound by the law to report it to the police."

"This is a case where Pendleton had been abusing his

wife for quite some time. We began investigating the car crash, at which time the wife told us she was driving. Later, however, we discovered Pendleton was the driver, hence the negligence and endangerment charges."

Chamness said Pendleton's

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## JESUS JAMS FOR JAYDE

### Fund-raiser slated to help young girl receive treatment

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

"Jesus Jams for Jayde" Saturday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park offers the public a variety of activities, food and fun, all to aid a baby girl needing physical rehabilitation.

"What we hope to accomplish through this weekend is continued unity among the entire city. We'll have all types of Christian music, from country gospel to pure Christian rock and roll. This is open to all church fellowships. We're hoping everyone will come hang out and have a good time," said Rex Rainey, who is coordinating the music for the event.

The day will feature praise bands from Restoration Ranch Ministries and Life Church as well as a duets featuring Gary Plew with Charlie Atkerson, who will also serve as master of ceremonies and Kelly and Courtney Ballard. The Sacred Heart Choir, directed by Eva Garcia, is scheduled to perform as well.

Rainey said walk-on Christian musicians are also invited to participate.

Another event set to begin at 1 p.m. is an auction that will feature two



A fund-raiser for 14-month-old Makayle Jayde Garcia will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

televisions, two bicycles, three guitars with customized paint, several dinners from local restaurants and many other items.

"Jesus Jams for Jayde" is a community-wide fund-raiser for Makayle Jayde Garcia, the 14-month-old daughter of Chris and Lori Kay McElvaney Garcia of Lubbock, who needs medical rehabilitation.

Jayde suffered a stroke at birth, due to a mutated gene, "Factor V Leiden" that produces a blood clotting abnormality resulting in blood clots.

As a result of the stroke, Jayde has limited use of her left extremities and suffers developmental delays. Small motor coord-

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John Roberts, nominee for chief justice of the United States, right, is greeted after the first day of his confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Chief Justice nominee vows to judge cases by rule of law

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — John Roberts says he would judge cases "according to the rule of law, without fear or favor" as the nation's 17th chief justice.

After an opening day of speeches and platitudes, Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee are ready to test that statement. They begin grilling the conservative federal judge Tuesday on his views on the Constitution, abortion, presidential power and dozens of other issues.

"This is a confirmation

*"Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."*

—John Roberts, chief justice nominee

proceeding ... not a coronation," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis. "It is a Senate Judiciary Committee's job to ask tough questions. We are tasked by the Senate with getting a complete picture of your qualifica-

tions, your temperament and how you will carry out your duties."

Republicans will pose tough questions of their own to the 50-year-old appeals court judge and Reagan administration lawyer, picked by President Bush to succeed the late Chief Justice William Rehnquist. But they will also try to block Democrats from getting too aggressive in getting Roberts to answer questions about hot-button issues.

"I want you to know that I will defend your

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## Rangers to assist in probe

### CPS also joins in investigation of twins' deaths

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local and state investigators remain tight-lipped as the Texas Rangers have been asked to assist an investigation into the Sunday morning deaths of 3-month-old twins in south Howard County.

Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett confirmed the Rangers are assisting with the case, saying the addition of the Rangers to the list of state and local agencies investigating the unexplained deaths of the infants is not uncommon.

According to a press release issued Monday morning by the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Christopher Ryan Petree and Nomi Michelle Petree were found dead Sunday morning at their home on Dawson Road in south Howard County.

At approximately 9:27 a.m. Sunday, dispatchers at the Howard County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from "frantic" woman saying that her babies were dead, according to information released by the sheriff's office.

HCSO deputies and Emergency Medical Service technicians

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## County to seek outside help in collecting overdue fines

NetPlea will receive 30 percent of delinquent payments collected.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard County is going to outside sources to help collect overdue fines and court costs.

County commissioners voted Monday to contract with NetPlea, a delinquent fine collection firm out of Arlington, to assume those duties here.

The firm will take over collection duties from county court coordinator Robert Roever, whose position is being eliminated effective Sept. 30.

NetPlea will be paid a 30 per-

cent fee on whatever delinquent payments they collect, County Auditor Jackie Olson said.

In making the move, commissioners estimate they will save about \$50,000 annually in salary and administrative costs, Olson said.

Roever had been responsible for collecting delinquent fines

and court costs for the county court, as well as the justices of the peace, she added.

Also Monday, commissioners gave final approval to a \$12 million operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

To fuel that budget, commissioners are likely to adopt a tax rate of 54.55 cents per \$100 valuation, a slight decrease from

the previous year.

The new tax rate is expected to be formally approved next Monday.

Commissioners also heard a report from local attorney Drew Mouton, in charge of collecting delinquent taxes for several county entities.

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### SEN. SELIGER COMING

Big Spring residents will have a chance to talk back to their state senator Wednesday afternoon.

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) will host a town hall meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Hangar 25 Air Museum, his staff recently announced.

This is one of a series of town hall meetings that Seliger is conducting in the 26 counties in his district, said Seliger aide Stefanie Wilkerson.

Seliger will discuss issues relating to the recently completed special session of the Texas Legislature, as well as answer questions from the audience, Wilkerson said.

### UW DINE OUT DAY

Herman's Restaurant on Gregg Street is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way.

The following Friday, the Dine Out Day restaurant will be Spanish Inn. Future Dine Out Day restaurants are Domino's, Sept. 30; Christene's, Oct. 7; Greg's Grill, Oct. 14; Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Oct. 21; and La Posada, Oct. 28.



### THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: Singer Amy Grant is taking a new direction in her career as host of the new NBC show "Three Wishes." Grant leads a team of experts to a small town to "grant" wishes to help make the hopes and unbelievable dreams of deserving people come true. Viewers will follow some of the town folks' deeply personal and heartwarming stories as Grant and these hopes are transformed into a life-changing reality.



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## Obituaries

### Christopher Ryan Petree Nomi Michelle Petree

Christopher Ryan Petree and Nomi Michelle Petree, 3-month-old twins, died Sunday morning, Sept. 11, 2005, at their residence. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2005, at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Ralph Anderson, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Christopher and Nomi were born May 26, 2005, in Odessa to David Christopher Petree and Lisa Michelle Riffe.

They are survived by their parents, Lisa Riffe and Chris Petree of Big Spring; two brothers, Manuel Castanuela and Jason Castanuela, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Heaven Marie Castanuela and Jordan Petree, both of Big Spring; and grandparents, Jessie Petree of Big Spring, David Petree of Big Spring and Robert and Della Riffe of Andrews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Support groups

### TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

### THURSDAY

Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

### FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

### SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

## Around town

**RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

**POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

**JESUS JAMS FOR JAYDE**, a fund-raiser to send 14-month-old Jayde Garcia to physical therapy in Alabama, is set for 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Old Settler's Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. Area praise bands are performing, an auction starts at 1 p.m., food, games and other booths scheduled. Call 264-0712 for more information or to donate.

**BLOOD DRIVE AT MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY**, 903 Johnson, is set for 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday. Call 263-7696. Walk-ins welcome.

**FISH FRY** at the American Legion Post No. 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, begins at noon Saturday. Call 263-2084. Delivery set for 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry-out available.

**THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952** will have a mini-reunion Saturday at 13th and Owens streets from 9 a.m. until we get tired. There will be coffee and sweet rolls and doughnuts for those interested and a catered noon meal. An RSVP is needed for the noon meal. A Dutch treat meal is planned following the parade. For information, contact Nila Bailey Allen at 263-1152 or 816-3301.

**DONATIONS TO DEFRAY COSTS OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR 14-YEAR-OLD ISIDRO GONZALES** are being accepted at Myer's & Smith Funeral Home. He died Aug. 12 from leukemia. Make donations directly to Myers & Smith at P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring 79721-2760.

**THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** need good condition books for an annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **ARNULFO CHAVERA**, 25, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **TIMOTHY OVERTON**, 20, of 2102 Alabama, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **TEKIA WILLIAMS**, 22, of 910 N.W. Fourth Street, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **ANGELA LEATON**, 23, of 1600 S. Nolan Street, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **CHERIE HANNABASS**, 35, of 3405 Highway 350, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- **LINDA SMITH**, 53, of 1210 S. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY HAIR**, 31, of 9001 Longshore, was arrested Tuesday on a Scurry County warrant and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2300 block of Runnels.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **JOHNNY RICHARD REYES**, 17, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor - two counts.
- **TEKIA "KOKO" WILLIAMS**, 22, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument and a charge of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information.
- **BRITTANY MICHELE VAUGHAN**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JOSE ANDRES MUNOZ-MUNOZ**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- **STACY LYNN PENDLETON**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges abandoning/endangering a child - criminal negligence (three counts), resisting arrest, search or transportation and assault on a public servant.
- **ANGELA MARIE LEATON**, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a local bench warrant.
- **ROBERT EDWARD BAKER JR.**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- **BILLY NELSON**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lindbergh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2100 block of Grace. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Lindbergh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of West MLK Boulevard. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. Fire was out upon arrival.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2300 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the 179 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take note

be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

**THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

**BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION** is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact BSHS 1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

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## Bulletin board

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### TODAY

- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

### WEDNESDAY

- Senior Leadership class begins.
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

### FRIDAY

- Big Spring High School homecoming
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St.

## Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Thursday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday—Mostly sunny. Highs around 90.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10-17-27-28-29.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$15,837.

Winning tickets sold in: Denison and Silsbee.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 4-17-18-27. Bonus Ball: 21.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-4

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# Local Boy Scouts are going Hollywood Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Join the Boy Scouts, and get a little bit of Hollywood thrown in for good measure. The local Boy Scouts district will hold its annual fall roundup Thursday at the Big Spring Mall. The roundup, essentially a recruitment drive

for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, will begin at 6:30 p.m. outside Cinema 4.

An added recruitment incentive will be a free showing of the movie "Valiant" at 7 p.m., said David O'Neill, executive director of the Lone Star district of the Buffalo Trails Council of Boys Scouts. "Valiant" is an animated com-

edy-adventure tale of a brave-but-under-sized pigeon named Valiant (voiced by Ewan McGregor), who dreams of joining the elite Royal Homing Pigeon Service, and serving crown and country during World War II.

O'Neill said the fall roundup has proven successful in recruitment efforts.

"We can't get into the schools and talk to the boys," he said. "So, a couple of years ago, we tried this movie night, and it worked really well ... We answer the boys' and parents' questions about Scouting, and they get a free movie."

Scouting is open to all boys first grade and up, O'Neill said. "Last year, we recruited

about 20 new kids into the local chapter," he said. "We're hoping to increase that number this year."

For more information, contact O'Neill at 263-3407.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

## JAYDE

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dination is especially impaired, as she is unable to hold small objects.

Sending Jayde to the UAB Civitan International Research Clinic in Birmingham, Ala., is the goal of the fund-raiser, the third such event coordinated by her family and friends, where she will receive therapy targeted at developing her small motor coordination.

"She was at our home recently and it just broke my heart to see how impaired she is, when she should be crawling and scooting around, but can't. Big Spring has proven recently that we are the most awesome people in the state of Texas and \$15,000 is not that much to help this little girl," Rainey said.

Hobbs, N.M., and Lubbock have also had fund-raisers to help cover the \$15,000 cost of the 21-day treatment. The intensive treatment, which is scheduled for Feb. 6

through March 3, lasts for six hours each day. The family's insurance will not cover the therapy.

Jayde has been in physical therapy since she was 6 months old, but more intense treatment is needed to help her reach developmental stages. Because of the limited use of her left-side extremities, without the therapy Jayde may never learn to tie her shoes or brush her teeth, according to a Web site created to accept donations, www.sendjayde.com.

Jayde's aunt, Lori

Michelle McElvaney Kirby and her husband, Marty of Big Spring have worked with local churches to bring the fund-raiser to the park, and several family activities are planned.

"We will have music all day and we'll have barbecue sandwiches and hamburgers for sale. There will be face painting, Air Extreme rides for the children, which includes all their inflatable rides, like a little city, jewelry and other activities, all designed as fund-raisers to send Jayde to

Alabama," Kirby said.

Kirby said the fund-raiser began when she contacted a local church group, asking for a love offering to be donated toward the expense of the treatment and travel.

"Then that just grew, with more people saying they could pitch in, asking us 'what do you need,'" she said.

Now about 10 couples are working toward making the event a success and local churches and Christian organizations have volunteered to sponsor booths or to perform

during the event.

Jayde and her family will attend the event.

To perform, contact Rainey at 264-7823.

For more information or to donate, contact Kirby at 264-0712, visit www.sendjayde.com or donate directly to an account at State National Bank, "Lori Kirby for the benefit of M. J. Garcia."

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Mouton said his staff collected \$1.426 million in 23004-2005.

"That was the best year we've ever had," Mouton said. "We've never collected more than \$1.1 million in the past."

Mouton said 274 tax suits were filed last year, which resulted in 36 judgments and 31 sheriff's sales.

Payments from people who have signed tax payment agreements with Mouton's office are averaging \$36,000 a month, he added.

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## ROBERTS

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refusal to answer any question that you believe to be improper," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who will control the questioning with his wooden gavel as committee chairman, said he won't stop senators from asking questions because Roberts can't be forced to answer. "He can protect himself," Specter said. "And if they're badgering, or repetitive, or out of line, that's the time when a chairman should intervene."

Although the questioning is expected to last for a few days, Roberts' confirmation seems all but assured.

The hearing shifts on Tuesday from the ornate and historical marble columns of the Russell Senate Caucus Room to the second-floor hearing room of the ultramodern Hart Senate Office Building, which provides the committee more room and wireless Internet access for reporters.

Roberts, in his first statement in front of the committee, told senators that he was not a partisan heading to the court with a political agenda. He spoke for less than 10 minutes and without notes, befitting a lawyer whose specialty once was thinking on his feet while



Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) introduces John Roberts, nominee for chief justice of the United States, listens to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee as he begins his confirmation hearings.

answering demanding questions from Supreme Court justices.

"I have no platform. Judges are not politicians who can promise to do certain things in exchange for votes," Roberts said. "Judges are like umpires. Umpires don't make the rules; they apply them."

A Roberts who would limit the Supreme Court's reach would please the 10 Republicans on the committee, who used their opening statements Monday to complain about the Supreme Court's reach into areas they felt were more properly left to local, state and

national legislators.

"Perhaps the Supreme Court's most notorious exercise of raw political power came in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, two 1973 cases based on false statements which invented a constitutional right to abortion," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan. "The issue had been handled by the people through their elected representatives prior to that time."

GOP senators don't want Roberts to be asked questions about what he thinks on those issues, saying it would be improper for judges to talk about cases they may

see in the future.

"Believe me, Judge Roberts will be asked a lot of questions, and he will give a lot of answers," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas. "But one thing I don't expect him to do and that no previous nominee has ever been asked to do, is to make specific commitments about how he will rule in cases that are likely to come back before the United States Supreme Court."

Sen. Edward Kennedy,

D-Mass., said senators know better than to ask Roberts how he will vote on specific cases. Judicial nominees routinely refuse to answer questions about how they will vote on future cases so litigants won't think their case has been judged before it was argued.

"But it is very important for the American people to understand who this justice is and what his views are on important constitutional issues," Kennedy said. "And this is magnified particularly when the administration has made a judgment and decision to restrict information about the nominee, for what reasons we do not know."

## ARREST

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violent streak continued even after he was arrested.

"After his arrest, he assaulted a police officer while in jail," said Channess.

Pendleton was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD.

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## TWINS

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responded to the home, where the infants were found dead.

Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman immediately ordered autopsies.

The autopsies were performed Monday morning at the Texas Tech University forensics center in Lubbock, according to Wiseman.

Child Protective Services has begun an investigation of the parents — Chris Petree, 21, and Lisa Riffe, 27 — according to Texas Department of Family and Protective Services spokesperson Marleigh Meisner.

"We began the investigation Monday morning,"

said Meisner. "We are mandated to investigate any time a child dies and abuse or neglect may have played a role."

Meisner said Riffe has voluntarily placed her other children with relatives pending the outcome of the investigation.

"We expect the investigation to take approximately 30 to 45 days," said Meisner. "The investigation we're performing differs from the one law enforcement is currently pursuing. We have to determine what happened and how it happened so we can make sure it doesn't

happen again.

"We will be working from the civil end of things, while law enforcement works on the criminal side. Our main concern is for the safety of the other children in the home."

Meisner said CPS completed an investigation of the family in August 2004, following allegations of physical abuse.

"We opened a case that took between two and three months complete," said Meisner. "The case did not involve the twins. The mother was very cooperative and complet-

ed parenting classes and various forms of therapy."

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Tillman Shoults, 93, died Saturday. Graveside Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Christopher Ryan Petree and Nomi Michelle Petree, 3 month old twins, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

Town hall session  
is a chance to get  
vital information

Wonder what's going on with our state government — why the Texas Legislature spent its regular session and two special sessions without passing a public school finance bill? Or maybe you have another questions concerning state government.

Then Wednesday will be your chance to get the word from the horse's mouth, so to speak, when State Sen. Kel Seliger holds a town hall meeting at 4 p.m. at Hangar 25.

The meeting is one of several the Amarillo Republican is currently conducting in the 26 counties comprising his district — something we here at the *Herald* believe the senator deserves praise.

Seliger will discuss issues relating to the recently completed special sessions, as well as answer questions from the audience, according to local aide Stefanie Wilkerson.

Will the state eventually pass a one-cent increase in the sales tax in a bid to provide property tax relief in Texas? How will the state come up with the additional millions of dollars it will cost to educate children evacuated in the wake of the Hurricane Katrina disaster? What, if anything, is the state doing to help our community and others in rural and West Texas on the economic development front?

The *Herald* encourages its readers to be on hand at Hangar 25 Wednesday afternoon and learn Seliger's take on those issues and others.

Our state senator is doing his part to keep his constituency informed about what is happening in Austin — something his predecessor most certainly did not do.

All we have to do is show up and do our part now.

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## Has Katrina become Bush's Monica?

George Bush's Monica Her name, of course, is Katrina. The vixen of the second term.

George W. Bush has found his Monica. Or, she has found him.

He won't be reforming Social Security or the tax code or spreading democracy around the world anytime soon, maybe anytime at all.

He's got way too much explaining, justifying and rebuilding to do, and half the country and the entire press corps now feel emboldened to force him to do that and nothing else. Which is all it takes to paralyze an administration. And he has no one to blame for that but himself.

Last Tuesday, as the water was rising in New Orleans, long after the disaster's magnitude had become clear, the president took a break from his vacation to go to Coronado, the beautiful isle off San Diego, where he gave a speech about democracy in Iraq that did not mention the fact that his own fellow citizens were drowning as he spoke.

For the brain dead Terri Schiavo, he flew back to sign special legislation. But not for the poor black people of New Orleans. Not until the press literally shamed him into it.

Would he have waited so long if the phones had been ringing off the hooks because his friends' relatives were the ones who couldn't be found, instead of nameless, faceless poor people who no one

he even remotely knows?

Discrimination doesn't work consciously anymore. No one sits down and says, "Let's not send in the National Guard because it's poor black people in New Orleans." But if that kind of hell had been heading to Fort Lauderdale, don't you think Jeb would have called, and money people, and political supporters, and friends of family — everyone saying you've got to do something — old-timers, anyone who knew someone who could get to someone who could get to him ...

Precisely the sort of people who don't live in the worst-hit wards of New Orleans. No one called. No one got through.

It's still discrimination, even if you don't mean to be doing it. That is a concept most people don't understand. If you respond faster, or prefer, people like you (whether that means white people or males or Republicans or whatever), even if you do it totally unconsciously, or because people around you push harder, then the experience for the folks who don't get help or don't get picked is that their race or their gender cost them — in other words, discrimination.

Do those people waiting day after day to be rescued know that they are treated that way because they are poor and black — that other people would have found a way to someone to get help by now?

The polls going into the weekend showed that the country had reverted to its usual partisan split — 47 percent to 46 percent — in assessing the president's response to the hurricane. That isn't a

reflection of what has been accomplished on the ground, but the fact that politics has clearly taken over, with good reason. So Republicans are coming out to support their president, whatever they think of his actual performance, while Democrats have the easier job right now of slamming him.

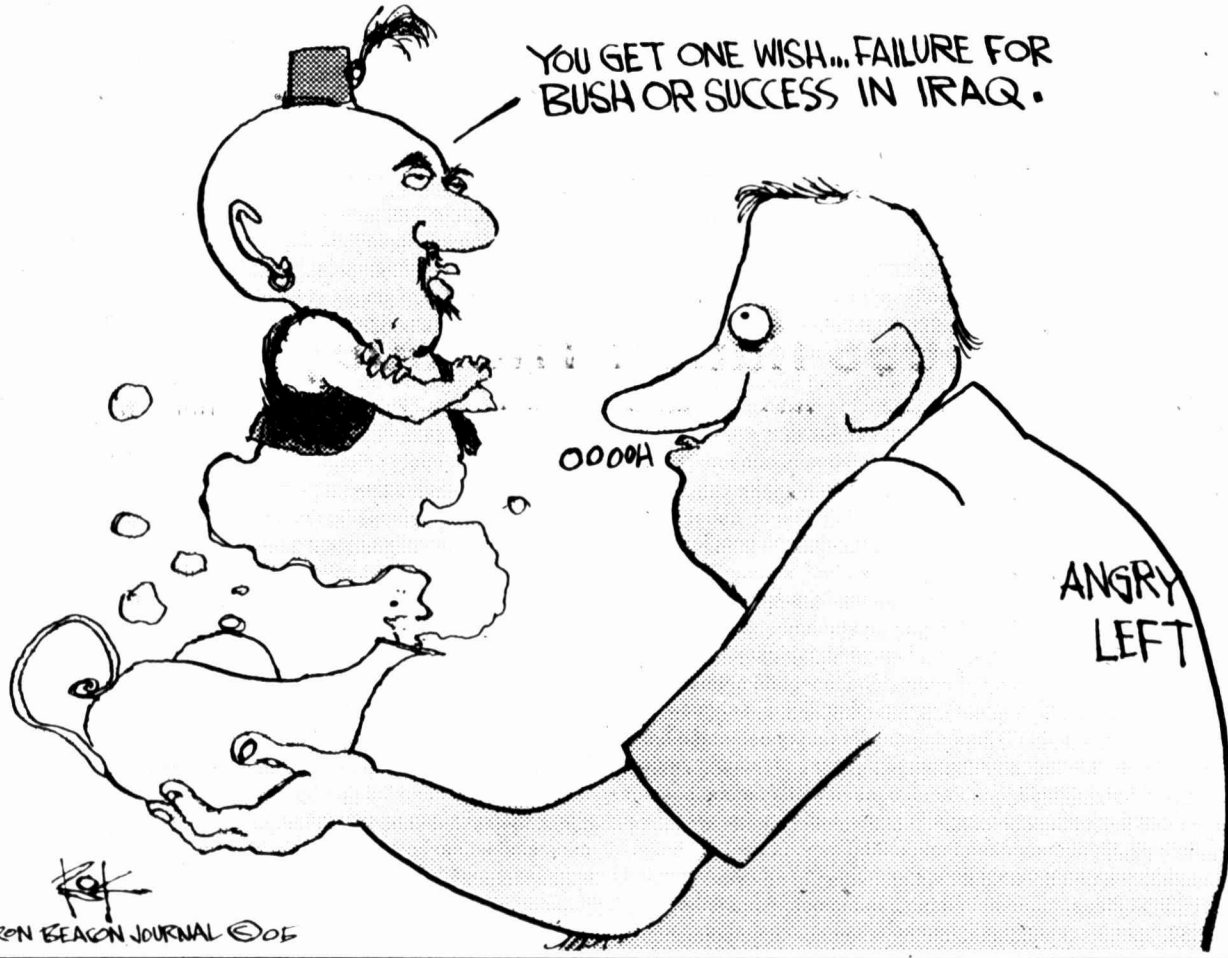
Hillary Clinton has already proposed a "9-11-type commission" to investigate what went wrong. That might actually be better for the president if it stopped every committee in Congress from holding its own hearings, which is starting right now as part of the relief process. After a Cabinet meeting today, the president announced that he would lead the investigation into what went wrong — but until he takes responsibility and admits that things did indeed go very wrong, no one will give an investigation lead by the administration of itself much credence.

Certainly not the press. They saw the dead bodies. They know the cost of delay and indifference. They are going to insist that the president accept responsibility that this country did not do better by its own citizens.

Until he admits that, they won't let go. That is his equivalent of carnal knowledge, of admitting to sex with Monica — and, in real life, measured in lives lost, it is a far more serious sin.

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## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

After attending the local meeting of CARES in Big Spring and listening to all the options proposed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), I'm sorry, but I am confused.

We were told our VA Hospital, which has operated successfully for more than 50 years, is not big enough to meet the new standards set for our veterans. Somebody in our government does. Millions of dollars of taxpayers' money has been pumped into remodeling the hospital, including a very recent, up-to-date surgical wing.

My goodness! Am I reading that right? Is PwC telling the government that it's nuts and doesn't know what it is doing? So our expensive, modern surgical wing is idle?

One of PwC's options is to build a new hospital in the Midland/Odessa area because the one here is too small to meet the new standards. If this hospital is too small, then the new proposed hospital will have to be a huge structure, plus have a new million-dollar heliport. Of course the patients could be flown in to the Midland-Odessa airport and paraded through the air terminal. This is cost effective?

Then I don't understand the thinking of moving to a western location (away from the homes of the majority of veterans who use the hospital). It seems some logic is lost there.

Also, I heard it tossed off so lightly to "go to Albuquerque." Maybe PwC is too separated from the real world that veterans live in. Veterans' pensions aren't as generous as apparently some incomes are in this study, but "going to Albuquerque" is sometimes a financial impossibility for many of our veterans. Many veterans, while they are able to

drive from their homes to the Big Spring VAMC with minimal traffic, are just not up to driving long distances on the major highways and in congested city traffic.

Big Spring is not a big city and it is not blessed with a lot of stores for shopping, but I was not aware that a necessary trip to the Big Spring VA Hospital was intended for a shopping spree.

Obviously, PwC has put a lot of study into the financial aspects, as all the charts show. But they just can't get love and heart into one of those charts, can they?

That's what Big Spring has.

And the veterans that come to this hospital can tell you all about it. Maybe in the "study" PwC might consider what the region's veterans think. They seem to have been left out of the study.

MARGIE MYERS  
BIG SPRING

## TO THE EDITOR:

This past weekend was a very humbling experience for me. Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama seemed so far away and the hurricane devastation was only something that I watched on television.

It really didn't have an effect on me until Sunday and Monday when I actually got to meet some of these folks face to face that had lost their homes, all of their personal belongings, jobs and, most important, family and friends.

After going through this disaster, being shuttled from one place to another, riding buses for days and finally arriving here in our little town, one would think that these folks might be just a little on the grumpy side. What I met on Sunday and Monday were some

of the warmest, nicest and gracious people that I've ever met.

This experience made me realize that whatever worries I thought I had were really not so bad.

I hope these folks soon will be reunited with their families and friends. And to those that decide to make Big Spring their home, I'd like to welcome you to your new home.

I want to say a special thank you to Robbie Billings, Jennifer Carnahan, Ana Lisa Guzman, Bea Ortega, Anna Cruz and Tammy Telchik for giving of their time and hard work over the Labor Day weekend to help with providing assistance to some of the Hurricane Katrina victims. It couldn't have been done without volunteers.

VICKI ROBERTSON  
BIG SPRING

## TO THE EDITOR:

On Aug. 15, 1945, I was in Tokyo Bay aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ticonderoga when the Japanese surrendered to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Adm. Chester Nimitz and Adm. William "Bull" Halsey aboard the USS Missouri. Earlier that year, on Jan. 22, 1945, our carrier was hit by two suicide planes off Formosa.

During World War I, I lost an uncle, Dave Pearl, when he was gassed while fighting the Germans in France.

In World War II, I lost a cousin, Bill Pearl, when he was killed during the invasion of Normandy.

My father, George A. Pearl, was the 1st and 3rd Divisions of the Marine Corps. He came home with malaria and later died at the VA hospital in Kerrville.

In addition, I have two daughters who are retired out of the Air Force and a

grandson who is now on his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

I'm in favor of veterans like myself putting a stop to Bush's aggression and bringing our boys home before any more are killed.

LEROY E. PEARL  
BIG SPRING

## TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing because I need help finding my brother. I was told that he was adopted by a family in Texas. All I know about him is that he was born in February of 1976 in Columbus, Miss.

I was wondering if you could print my letter in hopes that someone might have some information. They can contact me by calling 662-329-3974 or mail information to me at 206 Sand Road, Columbus, Miss. 39702.

JENNIFER KNIGHT  
COLUMBUS, MISS.

## TO THE EDITOR:

When we got here we didn't know what to expect. Our minds and bodies were all in a wreck.

We were greeted with all the love and compassion. That made us forget where we came from.

We hid, swam and suffered through Katrina's evil force, but we survived it all through God's source.

Now that everything is said and done, we'd like to believe that our life has just begun.

We were blessed to survive Katrina's powerful sting, but blessed twice to land here in Big Spring.

ALLAN F. HOEY AND NICK EAGAN  
HURRICANE KATRINA EVACUEES

# Internet and computer news from around the globe

**C**reative's Japanese arm has apparently shipped several thousand of its Zen Neon players infected with the Wullik.B worm. The affected players have serial numbers between 23052800001 and 1230533001680, according to Creative.

Details of the issue were recently posted only on the company's Japanese Web site. According to the release, the problem is localized to the Asia-Pacific region, since the player has not been publicly released elsewhere.

Of course, I recently saw one on eBay. Go figure.

Antivirus companies say the risk of a Neon infecting a user's computer is low, because the worm would have to be physically copied to a hard drive from the player. However, it remains unclear as to how the units were infected with a virus in the first place, and Creative has offered no explanation.

One possible reason for the virus could be that at some point in production a computer system was infected with the worm. When an image was made to put the operating system onto the Neon, the virus was likely copied along with it.

The worm poses no risk to the player because the Neon does not run on the Windows operating system itself. No reports of infections have been received as a result of the virus.

Security companies also say that when an MP3 player is connected to a system, it is treated as another hard drive. Thus, normal anti-virus pro-

grams will detect the virus and prevent infection.

Microsoft is investing in Voice-over-IP.

Wow, what a surprise! The takeover of the VoIP specialist Teleo is aimed at allowing the group to expand the range of services offered by MSN Messenger and other services among Microsoft's online services.

Yeah, that's a much better idea than putting their effort into making MSN Messenger work right!

Teleo specializes in software and services that enable VoIP calls to be made into normal fixed-line networks. Because its software integrates the Internet Explorer and Outlook, Teleo in addition offers a "Click-to-Call" feature for Microsoft's software. At the click of a mouse any telephone number appearing in any application can be used to establish a VoIP connection.

So far, Teleo has offered its services in the form of a number of Web services and applications. To date, however, these have only been available as beta test versions. These tests have now been discontinued with the Teleo services set to be offered solely within the framework of MSN.

Microsoft assumes that it will be possible to expand MSN by Teleo solutions before the year is out. In a recent press release, Microsoft fashionably omitted the purchase price for the hitherto privately-owned company.

For some time now MSN Messenger has supported PC to PC language and video chats as well as SMS text messaging. The takeover of Teleo, and the upgrading of MSN Messenger it implies, are obviously designed to allow Microsoft to score some points in the ever-fierce battle with its competi-

tors, Yahoo and AOL. Also, Google recently launched its Google Talk, which can not only be used for sending text messages, but also for making VoIP calls.

Intel Capital has taken its largest equity stake to date in an Eastern Europe outfit, sinking \$16 million into Czech anti-virus company Grisoft to help it expand in business and consumer markets.

The chip giant's venture capitalist arm said it was investing in Prague-based Grisoft to improve the development of anti-virus software and deployment around the globe.

Intel will help privately held Grisoft improve security on computing platforms for small- and medium-sized business and consumers, reach new customers and market segments and work to optimize Grisoft's security software for different platforms.

Grisoft's products, used by businesses and consumers, are deployed on 25 million PCs — including mine — and are distributed through resellers and across the Internet.

That might be the cue to get your AVG free virus protection (for home-pc use only) pretty quick.

Grisoft Chairman Gabriel Eichler said in a recent statement that he accepted investment from Intel to help accelerate the company's drive toward becoming a "global leader" in anti-virus software.

"We felt that it was the appropriate time to bring in value-added investors to help capture Grisoft's future prospects," Eichler said.

Last year Intel Capital invested \$130 million in 110 different deals, with 40 percent of its investments made outside the U.S. The company claims to have invested \$4 billion in 1,000 companies based in 30

countries since 1991.

Despite all the publicity about the Zotob, the NetSky-P virus continued to dominate anti-virus charts in August.

Zotob exploited a recently discovered Microsoft Plug and Play vulnerability to infect several media organizations last month. A number of other worms — such as Bozori and IRCBot — exploited the same vulnerability but their aggregated prevalence never really got over 1 percent of the global virus activity, according to security appliance firm Fortinet.

That's because the exploit mainly affected unpatched Windows 2000 machines and because the port used by Zotob to spread (port 445) is typically firewalled on the gateway of corporate networks and Internet Service Providers.

"Zotob spread all over the news faster than over the Internet itself and two facts helped hype the buzz," said Fortinet Threat Response Team leader Guillaume Lovet. "First of all, Zotob infected the media networks of CNN, ABC and the New York Times. Seemingly, it could have got in by plugging laptops into these networks, hence bypassing firewalls and infecting unprotected Windows 2000 boxes from the inside."

NetSky-P, the worm written by the convicted German teenager, Sven Jaschan, accounted for 13 percent of malware threats intercepted by Fortinet. A variant of the MyTob worm was the highest new entry with 3 percent of reports.

Over at UK-based security firm Sophos it's a similar story with NetSky-P once again topping its league of shame as the single biggest individual menace accounting for 14.7 percent of viral reports. However, vari-

ants of the MyTob worm collectively pose an even greater problem and accounted for 54 percent of all viruses reported to Sophos in August.

"MyTob and Zotob may spread in different ways, but the source code is very similar," said Carole Theriault a security consultant at Sophos. "Moreover, the Zotob author's nickname, Diab10, appears in more than 20 of the MyTob variants, suggesting that they may have been created by the same person. One thing is for sure — MyTob is still causing chaos in organizations that haven't updated their virus protection and patched software vulnerabilities."

Spam and fraudulent scam e-mails posed a continuing problem to users throughout August. Phishing attempts reached 3 percent of total fraudulent and virus-related activity — an unprecedented score, according to Fortinet. Many of these attacks targeted eBay. Spam now accounts for 79 percent of all e-mails in August up from 70 percent in January, according to the e-mail security firm BlackSpider Technologies.

However, virus-laden e-mails dropped from 2.64 percent in July to 2.01 percent in August, it reports.

The top 10 threats caught by Fortinet's FortiGate security appliances in August were:

1. Netsky-P
2. MyTob-EK
3. Zafi-B
4. Zafi-D
5. eBay phish
6. MyTob.fam
7. Possible\_MyTob-G
8. Possible\_Netsky-P
9. Mitglieder Trojan
10. Adware/180Solutions

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THOMAS JENKINS

## Bush to address nation Thursday from Louisiana; to tour disaster area

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is balancing a harried schedule of diplomatic duties — from Iraq to China and the United Nations — while working to stay on top of recovery

efforts that most Americans say should be his No. 1 priority.

"I can do more than one thing at one time," the president assured Monday on the first of two planned visits this

week to the Gulf Coast. He's fitting those in between meetings with world leaders who came to the United States for a gathering of the United Nations in New York, where he planned to pub-

licly thank world leaders for their contributions to storm relief.

As Bush was preparing to leave Tuesday for the United Nations, the White House announced that Bush will address the

nation Thursday in his first prime-time speech since the Hurricane Katrina disaster. He will speak from Louisiana at 9 p.m. EDT as he makes his second visit to the Hurricane-ravaged area

in less than a week. At the U.N., Bush was hosting Iraqi President Jalal Talabani for a closed-door meeting in the Oval Office, followed by a joint news conference in the East Room.



## THE DAY THE BUTTERFLIES WENT AWAY

**T**hat day started off just like every other day. The sun was shining brightly, casting its light over the whole world, as if it was trying to tell us to look at all of the beauty that is all around us.

The air was cool, and it was inviting us outside, too. It seemed to want us to come see what the sun was trying to show us. The trees wanted to see us come outside and play on its branches. The flowers wanted us to come outside to smell their wonderful smells. The little babbling brook wanted us to hear his giggling sounds, because he is happy and he wants us to be happy, too.

The birds were singing their songs, all the while inviting us to sing along with them. They wanted us to see their beautiful colors. The redbird, the bluebird, the blackbird, and all of the other birds with their different colors



he decided to catch all of the butterflies and put them in a jar in his room so he could watch them all the time. Michael did not know that he would soon chase all of the butterflies away. Maybe forever!

Michael found his butterfly net and went outside to start catching all of the butterflies. He saw one! A big, beautiful one! He swung the net down over the poor butterfly. He caught it! He quickly put the butterfly in the jar, being very careful not to hurt it. For

butterflies are very soft and tender, and can be hurt easily. Michael put little holes in the lid of the jar so the butterfly could get air to breathe. They have to breathe air just as you and I do. None of us, you or I, or the animals, or the trees and flowers could live without air!

Michael found another but-



terfly. Quickly, he threw the net over the little butterfly, scaring him badly. Then, he put the little butterfly in the jar. Now he had two!

But something bad was about to happen! All of the other butterflies saw what Michael was doing. They did not want to live their lives in a jar. They wanted to be free, just like you and me. They wanted to be free to fly all over this pretty world and smell the flowers and see each tree and listen to the little babbling brook giggling, and the birds singing!

The butterflies went away! They wanted to find a safer place to be free. Will they

ever come back? Would you like for them to stay away, or would you like for them to come back each year, like they always did? Michael had the two butterflies in his room, in a jar. Michael was happy, for a while! When he went outside to play on his swing, he saw that there were no more butterflies. The flowers seemed to be



sad. The trees seemed to be weeping! The sun was not so bright! The babbling brook was not giggling anymore! He was crying! "Why is everything so sad today," Michael thought? The sun was so sad that he went away and let the clouds come. The rain came. Michael had to go back inside. He could not stay outside and play. But, he could go inside and look at his beautiful butterflies that he had put into the jar.

Michael picked up his butterfly jar. He looked inside. The butterflies were still there, but they did not look happy. They were crying! They did not want to live in

that jar! They wanted to be outside, where they belong! "Why would they be crying?" Michael thought. "They are here where it is safe and nothing can harm them! Don't they know how much I love to look at them? I don't want to see butterflies that are not happy, so I will just let them go!"

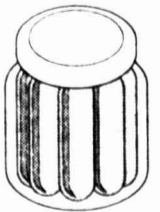
Michael went to his front door, opened it, took the lid off the jar, then said to the butterflies, "Go. I do not know why you are unhappy, but I do know that you seemed happier outside, so go, and join your friends, the other butterflies!" Quickly, happily, excitedly, anxiously, they flew away, as far away from that jar as they could! They did not belong in a jar! They belonged outside! The two butterflies smiled once again. They were happy once again!

It did not take too long before all of the other butterflies returned! They knew that Michael would never try

to catch them again! They had even seen Michael throw the butterfly net away! They would always be safe here, now!

Michael thought and thought about why the butterflies had gone away. He had seen that they wanted to be free. He had tried to catch them and put them into a jar. He had scared them! He saw that they loved to hear the brook giggling, just as he did. He saw that they loved to see the blackbirds, and the bluebirds, and the redbirds, and all of the other birds, in their pretty colors. He saw that the butterflies loved to hear the birds singing, just as he did! He saw that the little butterflies loved the same things he loved. The sun shining brightly, the clean air he breathes, the sounds of all of the animals, and the smells of the flowers!

Michael will never put a butterfly in a jar, ever again! And the babbling brook just whispered to Michael, "Good Night".



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# Autopsies planned for bodies found at evacuated hospital



Rancher Patty Vogt questions USDA Veterinary Inspector Rusty Berry in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, south of New Orleans on Monday, September 12, 2005. Vogt has cattle that are stranded on the bayou levee around Port Sulphur, Texas. Berry is trying to get equipment to save the cattle, but government red tape is slowing things down.

**By ADAM NOSSITER**  
Associated Press Writer  
**NEW ORLEANS** — Officials got ready for the arrival Tuesday of the first commercial flight at New Orleans' airport since Hurricane Katrina hit, and the coroner said autopsies were planned for the bodies of at least 44 people found at a hospital.

The exact number of bodies recovered Sunday from the 317-bed Memorial Medical Center was unclear. A state official said the bodies of 45 patients were found; a hospital administrator said there were 44, plus three on the grounds.

The discovery of the corpses raised Louisiana's official death toll to nearly 280.

Steven Campanini, a spokesman for hospital owner Tenet Healthcare Corp., said some of the patients died before Katrina arrived, and none of the deaths resulted from lack of food, water or electricity to power medical equipment.

Dave Goodson, an assistant administrator at

Memorial Medical Center, said patients died while waiting to be evacuated after Katrina struck, as temperatures inside the hospital reached 106 degrees.

Family members and nurses were "literally standing over the patients, fanning them," he said. "These patients were not abandoned."

Dr. Frank Minyard, the Orleans Parish coroner, said autopsies will be performed on the bodies.

During an appearance Tuesday on NBC's "Today," he said he thought the evacuation of the city was successful, considering that the death toll so far was much lower than expected.

"There just may be a lot of people who are still down in those deep waters, and some of waters were 10-, 12-, 15-foot deep," Minyard said. "My biggest fear is that we will find something down there that is way out of proportion."

Also Tuesday, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport was scheduled to receive its

first commercial flight since Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

"We'll see how this week goes and we'll take it from there," said airport spokeswoman Michelle Duffarc.

Officials announced the discovery of the bodies at the hospital on Monday as President Bush got his first up-close look at the destruction in New Orleans.

"My impression of New Orleans is this: that there is a recovery on the way," Bush said after riding through New Orleans in a truck with the governor and mayor.

Also Monday, Mike Brown, the embattled director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, stepped down. Brown was quickly replaced by R. David Paulison, a top agency official.

The recovery was visible in spots Monday. Nearly two-thirds of southeastern Louisiana's water treatment plants were up and running, and 41 of New Orleans' 174 permanent pumps were operational.

# Authorities remove 11 children found caged in Ohio home

**WAKEMAN, Ohio (AP)** — Sheriff's deputies removed 11 children from a home where they were locked in cages less than 3 1/2 feet high, authorities said.

The children's adoptive and foster parents, Mike and Sharen Gravelle,

denied that they'd abused or neglected the children during a custody hearing Monday in Huron County. No charges had been filed as of Monday night.

"The impression that we got was that they felt it was OK," said Lt.

Randy Sommers of the Huron County Sheriff's Office.

The Gravelles said a psychiatrist recommended they make the children — ages 1 to 14, with conditions that included autism and fetal alcohol syndrome — sleep in the

cages at night. The cages were stacked in bedrooms on the second floor of their house, said prosecutor Russell Leffler, who was reviewing the case.

The children were found by a children's services investigator on Friday when he stopped

by the Gravelles' home outside Wakeman, about 50 miles west of Cleveland. Deputies returned to the house that evening.

Some of the cages were rigged with alarms, Sommers said; others had heavy furniture blocking

their doors. The children didn't have blankets or pillows.

One of the boys said he'd slept in the cage for three years, Sommers said.

The children were placed with four foster families Monday.

# U.S. offensive nets 400 prisoners; stronghold attacked

**By SLOBODAN LEKIC**  
Associated Press Writer

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — U.S. forces along the Euphrates River attacked the insurgent stronghold of Haditha early Tuesday, capturing a militant with ties to al-Qaida in Iraq and killing four others, the military said.

The assault on Haditha followed a recent offensive to retake Tal Afar, another northern town, which U.S. commanders said netted more than 400 suspected militants. The Iraqi military said its troops had detained 36 others, including a Yemeni citizen, just south of Tal Afar.

In southern Iraq, a roadside bomb exploded near a convoy of Iraqi security guards and foreign contract workers outside Basra, killing four people, police said. While one Iraqi official said the four dead were Americans, U.S. officials were unable to confirm the report.

Insurgents in Baghdad shelled the heavily fortified Green Zone, with two mortar rounds exploding near a military hospital inside the protected area that houses the Iraqi government, parliament and foreign missions, but there were no reports of casualties. Security inside the Green Zone was boosted earlier this month after reports that suicide bombers were trying to penetrate the area.

Associated Press Television News video of the aftermath of the Haditha attack showed at least three demolished

homes. There were no American casualties, the military said.

"Coalition Forces engaged the terrorists and called in close air support. Coalition aircraft destroyed one of the vehicles being used by one of the terrorists," the statement said.

Haditha, 140 miles northwest of Baghdad, is one of a series of towns in the Euphrates River valley controlled by militants.

On Monday, officials said the insurgent death toll in three days of fighting in Tal Afar totaled 200. Seven Iraqi soldiers and six civilians also died; the U.S. military said no American soldiers were hurt.

"Now, (the guerrillas) are just trying to save themselves by hiding in houses and communities," said Col. H.R. McMasters, commander of the American contingent from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. "The enemy no longer enjoys any kind of a safe haven or a support base in the city."

"This operation was very precise. We've had access to all the terrorist safe havens," said Brig. General Muhsen Yahya, commander of the Iraqi Army's 1st Brigade.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari flew to Tal Afar on Monday to congratulate his army, and Al-Iraqiya state television said he went despite insurgent threats "to attack the city with chemical and biological weapons."

## Scenic Mountain Medical Center invites you to join our... September 2005 Activities

### September 1 • Thursday

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- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 a.m.

### September 5 • Monday

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### September 6 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ PRL - 10:00 am
- Supper Club "Greg's Grill" - 5:30 pm

### September 7 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)
- Senior Citizens Activity Room

### September 8 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 a.m.

### September 9 • Friday

- Midland Shopping - 9:00 am (Lunch @ Cattleman's)

### September 12 • Monday

- Lunch Bunch & Birthdays 11:30 am "Gale's"
- GAMES - 2:00 pm

### September 13 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Supper Club - "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

### September 14 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)
- Senior Citizens Activity Room

### September 15 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:30 am (Meet at the Mall and walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

### September 16 • Friday

- POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 am

### September 18 • Sunday

- "I LOVE YOU, YOUR PERFECT NOW CHANGE!" (Musical Comedy) - 1:00 pm
- Midland Community Theatre

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- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Supper Club - "Red Mesa" 5:30 pm

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- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)
- Senior Citizens Activity Room

### September 22 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
- Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

### September 24 • Saturday

- ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK City Park - 9:00 am

### September 26 • Monday

- NEW MEXICO CASINO & HORSE RACING - 9:00 am

### September 27 • Tuesday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- GAMES - 2:00 pm
- Supper Club - "Cowboys" - 5:30 pm

### September 28 • Wednesday

- Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- Sit & Be Fit - 10:30 am (Chair Exercise)
- Senior Citizens Activity Room

### September 29 • Thursday

- Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)
- Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

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### IN BRIEF

#### Cosbama sets booster club date

The Cosbama Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

#### Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1194.

#### YMCA sets meeting for adult flag football league

An organizational meeting has been scheduled for adults wanting to field a team to play flag football this fall.

Participants must be 17 years of age or older to play.

The meeting will take place at the YMCA tonight at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 267-8234.

#### Big Spring starts junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the starting of a junior tennis league.

The league will take place every Monday for the next six weeks. It will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Participants must bring a racket or one may be provided.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

#### Packers' Walker to miss rest of year

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Pro Bowl receiver Javon Walker will miss the rest of the season after tearing up his right knee in Green Bay's opening loss at Detroit Sunday.

Walker will need an operation once the swelling subsides to repair the torn anterior cruciate ligament and will require between eight and 12 months of rehabilitation.

#### Bonds doubles in season debut

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds is just a day or two shy of his old slugger self.

In his season debut for San Francisco, Bonds strode to the plate, tipped his batting helmet to the roaring, flashbulb-popping crowd, worked a 3-2 count and hit a double.

## Big Spring gets needed victory against Wink

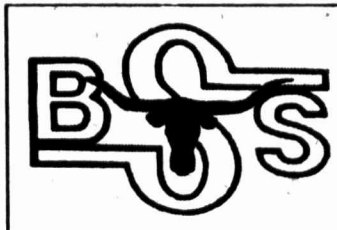
By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Lady Steers bounced back well from a poor Seminole Tournament Saturday. And they did so in three sets against Class A's Wink, which is ranked No. 4 in the state, in Andrews.

Big Spring won the

match 25-18, 25-21 and 25-11.

"I was anxious to see how we rebounded after the Seminole Tournament and I was very pleased with how we played," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "Wink is ranked No. 4 in the state and we knew they would be a steady and consistent team."



Seniors Carmen Lewis and Raegan Ritchey led the Lady Steers. Lewis finished with 10 kills and

15 digs, while Ritchey had a team-high 11 kills and 16 digs. Senior Krista Chesworth led the team in digs with 18.

Ritchey added five blocks, while sophomore Amanda Caskey and Chesworth added four and three, respectively. Junior Mallory Dunn had 32 assists.

"We had a bit of a size

advantage and with near perfect passing, the girls were able to capitalize and put a lot of balls away," said McAden.

The Lady Steers return to the court tonight against Lubbock Coronado, beginning at 6 p.m. The varsity will follow a match by the junior varsity.

## Falcons shut down Philadelphia in NFC showcase matchup

• Defenses dominate in game featuring NFC's two best teams

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons finally showed they could beat the Philadelphia Eagles, but it was merely a season opener. No Super Bowl at stake in this one.

Maybe that will come toward the end of the season.

"We know we're going to see this team again," Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, savoring a 14-10 victory Monday night but already looking ahead to another shot at the Eagles in the playoffs.

Clearly, this has the look of an increasingly bitter rivalry. The players were throwing punches before the game even started, then went toe-to-toe for 60 minutes. Michael Vick ran for one touchdown, set up another with a long pass, then turned things over to a defense that kept Philadelphia from coming all the way back.

"We take our hats off to them," Eagles linebacker Keith Adams said. "Hey, you take it like a man." Besides, one regular-season victory doesn't make up for two playoff losses. In 2003, Philadelphia knocked out the Falcons in the divisional round. Last January, the Eagles beat Atlanta 27-10 in the NFC championship game.

But the Falcons feel they are finally ready to challenge the conference's undisputed powerhouse. "They thought they were going to bully us around," Falcons newcomer Ed Hartwell said. "Hey, we're not going to be bullied." That was evident about a half-hour before the kickoff. The teams started jawing in warmups, a scuffle broke out and punches were thrown. When it was all sorted out, Philadelphia's Jeremiah Trotter and Atlanta's Kevin Mathis had been ejected.

The tone was set for the rest of the night.

The Eagles fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, then shut out Vick the rest of the way. But their comeback was turned back when Donovan McNabb took a vicious hit from Rod Coleman on a fourth-down pass, the ball dropping far short of Terrell Owens streaking down the sideline with 1:33 remaining.

"I think we proved our point," said Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, who matched up with T.O. most of the night.

The pregame shenanigans definitely worked out better for the Falcons. Mathis is a bit player, used mainly in passing situations, while Trotter is a three-time Pro Bowler who anchors the middle of the Philadelphia defense.

"He threw a punch and I tried to block it," Trotter said. "We were just trash talking. I don't think anyone should have been ejected."

Mike Labinjo, who got

in only three games last season as a rookie, made his first career start in place of Trotter. The Falcons took advantage, rushing for 200 yards.

Warrick Dunn led the way with 113 yards on 20 carries.

Atlanta raced to a two-touchdown lead before the game was 15 minutes old. Vick hooked up with Michael Jenkins and Alge

Crumpler on a pair of 18-yard passes, then finished off the drive with a 7-yard scoring run.

The electrifying quarterback got free around right end, holding the ball aloft at the 5 and leaping joyfully over the goal line.

The Falcons scored again less than 3 minutes later. Vick lofted a 58-yard pass to Jenkins, who hauled it in just short of

the end zone. T.J. Duckett bulled over from the 1 on the next play.

Vick struggled the rest of the way, throwing an interception and losing two fumbles. He completed 12 of 23 passes for 156 yards, but did manage 68 yards rushing.

The Eagles have been Team Turmoil since losing

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KAT photo/Bob Snow, Macon Telegraph  
The Falcons' Micheal Jenkins catches a Michael Vick pass against the Eagle defense, setting up the Falcons' first touchdown of the game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga., Monday.

HOUSTON (AP) — Dontrelle Willis gave Florida the NL wild-card lead with an outstanding all-around effort. The effervescent lefty homered and earned his 21st win, pitching his seventh complete game this season in the Marlins' 8-2 victory Monday night over the Houston Astros.

"He's a complete guy," Florida manager Jack McKeon said. "He hits, he fields, he pitches. With him in the lineup, it's like an extra bat."

McKeon was asked if there is anything Willis can't do.

"He probably is going to have to work on covering second base," McKeon

said with a smile. "He's a gamer. He's a competitor. You almost expect him to go out and have a game like this every time. It's a surprise if it doesn't happen."

Florida moved a half-game ahead of the Astros in the wild-card standings, taking the top spot for the first time since after games of Aug. 30.

Willis (21-8) tied St. Louis ace Chris Carpenter for the major league lead in victories and complete games by winning his sixth straight start. He allowed eight hits, struck out four and walked one in the opener of a key four-game series.

Willis connected for a

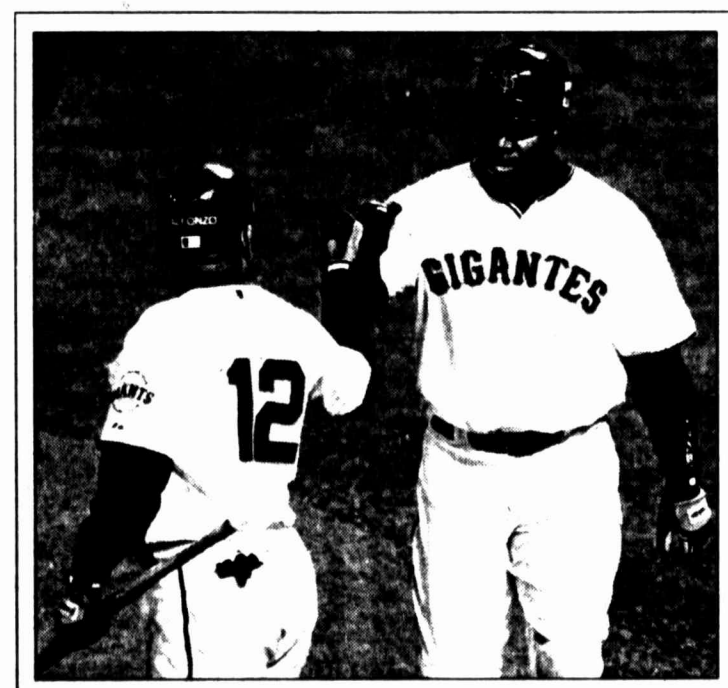
two-run shot off Scott Strickland in the sixth inning, giving the Marlins a 6-1 lead. It was his third career homer and first since April 14, 2004, against Montreal in Puerto Rico. He also scored twice and has 11 RBIs this year. He hasn't lost since Aug. 12 against San Francisco.

The pitcher's batting average of .259 is higher than his ERA of 2.49.

"He's doing something amazing out there this year," teammate Juan Pierre said. "He's playing both sides of the plate and you don't see that very often. Winning 21 games

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## Willis pitches Marlins back into WC lead



KAT photo/Nader Khouri, Contra Costa Times  
The Giants' Barry Bonds is congratulated by Edgardo Alfonzo after scoring against the Padres in the second inning of their game at SBC Park in San Francisco, Calif., Monday.

## Zubiate leads Buffs in Forsan

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Forsan's cross country team hosted a meet Saturday in Forsan. Kevin Zubiate led the Buffaloes with a 14th place finish and a time of 20:25 on tough three mile course.

Jake Rhoton placed sixth in the junior high division with a run of 11:59 on the 1.5 mile course.

Several other runners just missed out on medals, including Kassi Wash, Kaylon Stanley and Jeremy Frietag.

### Correction

Justin Forshee was incorrectly identified in Monday's edition of the Herald. The photo read Justin Wilson. Also, the final score of the Forsan-Hawley game was 34-28.

### Major League Baseball — wild card standings

American League Division Leaders	National League Division Leaders
• Boston Red Sox (East)	• Atlanta Braves (East)
• Chicago White Sox (Central)	• St. Louis Cardinals (Central)
• Los Angeles Angels (West)	• San Diego Padres (West)
Wild Card	Wild Card
Cleveland Indians	Florida Marlins
New York Yankees	Houston Astros -0.5
Colorado Rockies -1.5	Philadelphia Phillies -1



The Falcons' Warrick Dunn gets away from the Eagles' N.D. Kalu and runs for 30 yards in the second quarter of their game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga., Monday.

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ing to New England in the Super Bowl. Owens demanded a new contract, sulking when he didn't get it and began taking shots at his teammates and coaches.

Most notably, he feuded with McNabb, the two refusing to even talk with each other during the pre-season.

It didn't seem to affect their chemistry on the field: Owens caught seven passes for 112 yards. And the two were actually seen chatting on the sideline, having reached a detente of sorts.

"I guess that's something positive for you guys to talk about," McNabb told reporters. "We could have been talk-

ing about food in the vending machines."

What did Owens think about all this? Who knows? He walked out of the locker room with his hands over his ears, refusing to answer questions.

Through it all, the Eagles showed the heart of a team that has played for the NFC championship the last four years. Brian Westbrook, another disgruntled star, caught a 9-yard touchdown pass. David Akers kicked a 44-yard field goal.

Brian Dawkins had a huge game on defense: two sacks, an interception and a forced fumble. But the Eagles hurt

themselves with some uncharacteristic plays. Akers missed a pair of 49-yard field goal attempts, having failed on just five attempts all of last season.

McNabb threw for 257 yards, but his night was marred by an interception and two fumbles — one an attempted pass in the flat that he inexplicably threw backward in Atlanta territory, the Falcons pouncing on the loose ball when they realized it was a lateral.

"He made some throws but at the same time, when he wasn't sacked, he was getting pressure in his face and getting hit after the throw," Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking said. "That was the key."

So, this round goes to Atlanta. Can't wait for the next one.

Saints get temporary homefield advantage

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The New Orleans Saints will have two homes away from home this season.

With the Superdome damaged and rendered unusable by Hurricane Katrina, the Saints will play four home games in Baton Rouge, La., and three more in San Antonio, where they've already set up operations for the season.

Owner Tom Benson was pleased that the Saints would have some semblance of a home-field advantage.

Many of the Saints are living in a hotel across an interstate from the Alamodome. So they'll have a short commute for games Oct. 2 or 3 against Buffalo, Oct. 16 or 17 against Atlanta and Dec. 24, 25 or 26 against Detroit.

The team, which won its season opener 23-20 at Carolina on Sunday, will travel to LSU's Tiger Stadium for games Oct. 30 or 31 against Miami, Nov.

6 or 7 against Chicago, Dec. 4 or 5 against Tampa Bay, and Dec. 17, 18 or 19 against Carolina.

The Saints' first home game against the New York Giants was set for next Sunday, but was moved to next Monday night and will be played at Giants Stadium. Saints season-ticket holders and anyone who purchased tickets for the Giants-Saints game at the Superdome were given first call for tickets to the relocated game. After that, however, Giants season-ticket holders were given priority, meaning it will be a true road game for the Saints.

After spending last week getting settled into a new routine in San Antonio, coach Jim Haslett began to like the idea of playing in the Alamodome.

"It's more of a travel issue," he said. "I know what their agenda was, to play as many games as possible in our home state."

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and hitting the way he is is unreal.

"He's a position player in a pitcher's body."

Willis still isn't satisfied.

"I continue to hurt my team with my bunting," he said "I'm definitely going to work on that in the offseason."

"But I play hard. I definitely leave it all on the field every time. (Team management) is still upset at me for diving headfirst back to the base. But that's the only way I know to play."

Carlos Delgado, Miguel Cabrera and Jeff Conine also homered for Florida, which won for the fifth time in seven games. The Astros have lost three of four and are a half-game ahead of Philadelphia for second place in the wild-card chase.

"We just had a lot of Dontrelle Willis tonight, more than I'd care to see," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "Brandon (Backe) threw the ball well. He had a lot of good pitches and only a few mistakes. That was a decent job against a team that is really swinging the bat well."

"What worries me is that we've had three games that are stinkers. We didn't look good against Milwaukee and we didn't look good tonight. They pretty much took it to us tonight."

Backe (8-8) lasted five innings and allowed four runs, three earned, and

seven hits in his second game back after missing five weeks with a ribcage injury.

"He was on a roll," Backe said about Willis. "I looked up and he had only 39 pitches going into the fifth inning. That means he had a lot of easy outs and a lot of easy innings."

"He doesn't have 21 wins for nothing. He has very good stuff. He mixes up his pitches well and he's difficult to hit. He's a good hitter as well."

Lance Berkman was 0-for-3 against Willis.

"He's not a guy who's going to give you a lot of different looks," Berkman said. "When you go up there, you know pretty much what you're going to get. He's got something goofy on that fastball. You just can't seem to get a good hit on it."

Delgado hit a two-run homer in the first, and the Marlins stretched their lead to 3-0 with an unearned run in the fourth.

After Damion Easley walked, Pierre had a bunt single and third baseman Jose Vizcaino was charged with an error on the throw, allowing Easley to reach third. Paul Lo Duca then drove in Easley with a single. Cabrera led off the fifth with his 31st home run to make it 4-0. Jason Lane hit his 22nd homer leading off the bottom half.

After Willis homered in the sixth, Berkman's sacrifice fly in the bottom half made it 6-2.

Conine added a two-run shot in the ninth off Russ Springer.

Pigskin Picks Football



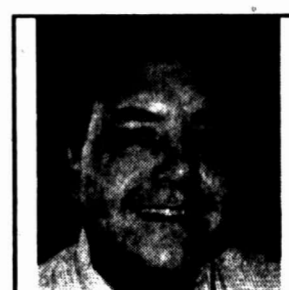
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P.O. Box 970  
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325-453-2576  
FAX: 325-453-2577  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury is up to his old tricks again. Some bring good fortune, while others bring challenge. Mostly, you are lucky when you don't think too much about the ideal way to express yourself or worry about how you're being perceived. Mercury's trine with Mars says that your action will relay your message better than any pretty words could.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The truth only hurts if you're the last one to hear it. Let people know you want to be on the inside track, riding the first wave of information. This gives you time to strategize.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You say what you have to say with poise, humor and confidence. Everyone is enthralled. Or, at least you say most of what you have to say and punctuate it by making a face - and everyone is amused.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). It's difficult to relate to those people who scatter their "message" to the wind, spouting all kinds of off-the-wall and out-of-the-blue comments. Hidden in such madness is a gem of info. Do you have the patience to wade through?

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's often been said that fear stands for False Evidence Appearing Real. But today, the evidence is real. So the only thing to do is avoid it and throw energy into endeavors that help you rise above it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You enjoy demonstrating to people that you can do some things that other people can't do. Is that so wrong? Part of your job on the planet is to entertain and inspire, and you're not a snob about it. So go ahead and show off.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To stay or go, say yes or no. The decisions seem tough, but they're really not. If it gives you the jitters, you're on the right track - say, "definitely yes!" and then show up strong (even if you have no idea what you're doing).

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Injustice is one thing you can't stand. You'll feel emboldened to say what's on your mind. It's not about being reckless or selfish. It's about the truth. If you don't speak up, who will?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you're not fitting in (and you won't be, so why try?) take comfort in this fact: By definition, exceptional people don't fit in. That's what makes them exceptional. This is the ideal day to express your eccentricity.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Society teaches that modesty is a virtue, but lately, what good has it done you? There's a fine line between being full of yourself and being

confident. Smile at that face in the mirror, and say, "Go get 'em, tiger." **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're tempted to follow a formula, but if there's any day to rip up the script, this is it. Formulas can only bring predictable results and what you're after is something unpredictable, magical and even miraculous.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It would be wonderful to have a romantic partner who is not threatened by your solo endeavors, your strength and your desire to be autonomous. But for now, being sweet and non-threatening is just easier.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a chance to perform. The old corny advice won't work. When you get nervous, the last thing you want to think of is the "audience" in its "underwear." Forget about methods. Make it up as you go.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "You mentioned once that as a Capricorn, I have built a barrier to love around myself. I agree that I have and was wondering if you had any advice for me on how I can break through that barrier."

Think in terms of a financial investment. One cannot put money into, say, the stock market without the possibility of losing the entire investment. It is not possible to only put money into stocks that go up because there are no guarantees. Capricorn is a tough cookie who can turn on the charm or shut people out, depending on where he or she is trying to go and who is standing in the way or able to help with that goal. This skill is both a key to success and a survival instinct. But when it comes to love, all bets are off. Love requires vulnerability over strength, heart over head and instinct over reason. For you, being open to love includes a willingness to be hurt, to be wrong and to be made to feel like a fool. Unless you are open to the possible negative side of love, you are not really open to the positive side of it.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** I predict a reconciliation between Hugh Grant and an ex-girlfriend before his next birthday. Virgo men feel the need to connect to the familiar this year in their personal lives because so many new and unfamiliar things are happening in other areas. The status quo is challenged, which forces them to seek security. Grant could even be open to compromises he was never open to in the past.

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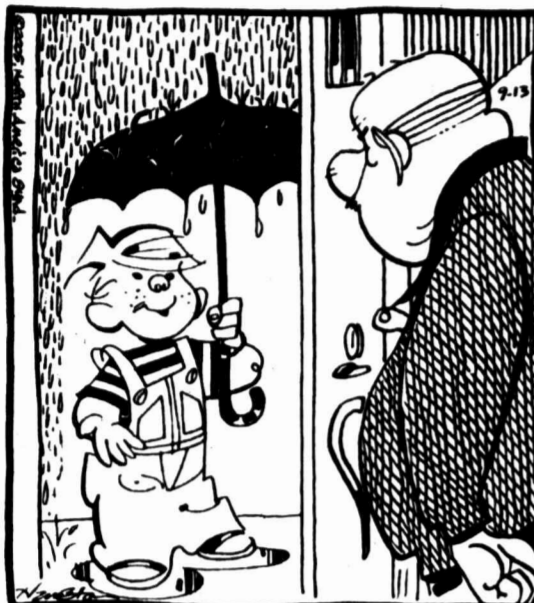
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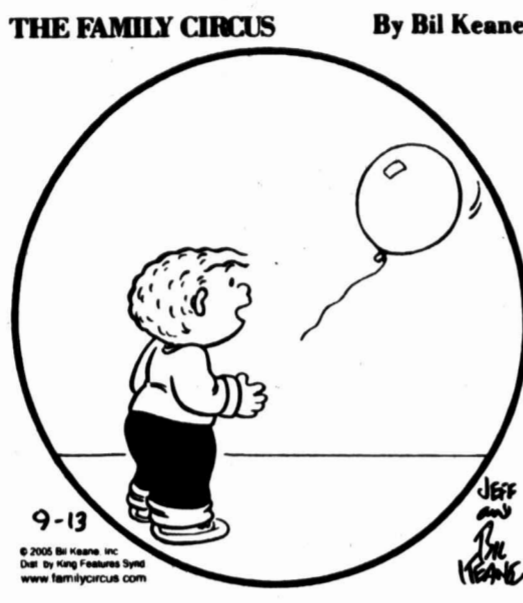
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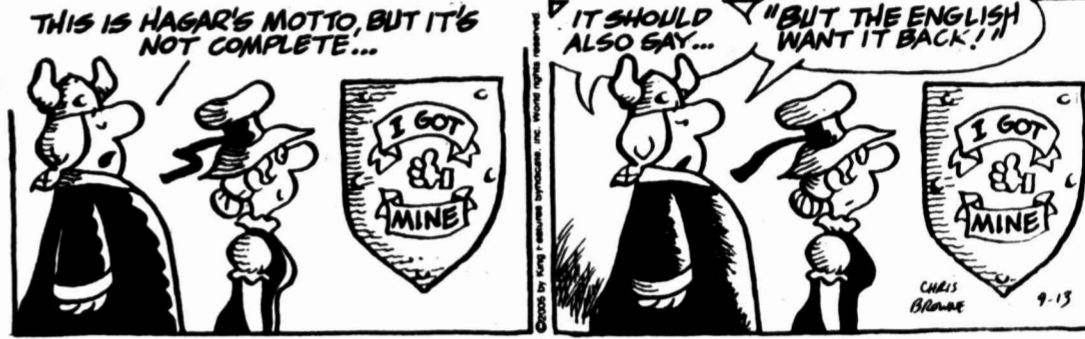
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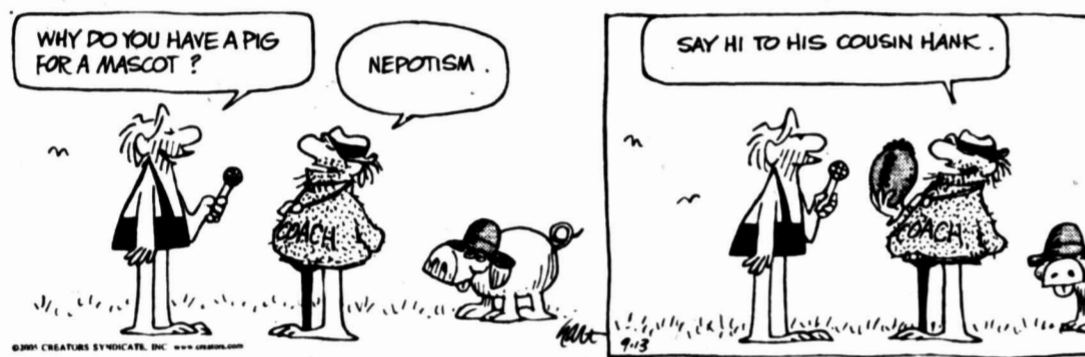


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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2005. There are 109 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

On this date: In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1949, the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America was formed in New York City, with Patty Berg as its first president.

In 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed 43 lives.

In 1990, the combination police-courtroom drama "Law & Order" premiered on NBC television.

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 72. TV producer Fred Silverman is 68. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 66. Actor Richard Kiel is 66. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 64. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 61. Singer Peter Cetera is 61. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 53. Record producer Don Was is 53. Actress Jean Smart is 46.

Country singer Bobbie Cryner is 44. Rock singer-musician Dave Mustaine (Megadeth) is 44. Radio-TV personality Tavis Smiley is 41. Actor Louis Mandylor is 39. Olympic gold medal runner Michael Johnson is 38. Rock musician Steve Perkins (Porno For Pyros; Jane's Addiction) is 38. Tennis player Goran Ivanisevic is 34. Country singer Aaron Benward (Blue Country) is 32. Country musician Joe Don Rooney (Rascal Flats) is 30. Singer Fiona Apple is 28. Actor Mitch Holleran ("Reba") is 10.

Thought for Today: "Better to be without logic than without feeling." - Charlotte Bronte, English author (1816-1855).

Answer to previous puzzle:

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Not fem. or neut.
- Wall coating
- Letterhead image
- Highest point
- Breakfast meat
- Baking device
- Driver's lever
- Kelly or Krupa
- Arrive gradually
- At (confused)
- Pub game
- Sandwich shops
- One getting out of bed
- Gave lunch to
- Student musician's show
- Get loose
- Reason for a crime
- Scent
- Otello composer
- Medical insurance grps.
- Mexican shawl
- Christmas tree attachment
- Leather workers
- Jazz instrument
- In a protective container
- Sentry's weapon
- Hiking routes
- \_\_ double take (react)
- Greek-salad item
- Bread spread

64 Marriage arranger

66 Computer option list

67 Song starter

68 Region of land: Abbr.

69 "Hey, you!"

70 So far

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DOWN

- Church service (1920s style)
- Network computers
- Strike down
- Agnes de Mille's uncle
- Antiques Roadshow network
- "Oohs" partners
- Less friendly
- Whiner's phrase
- Explosive letters
- Math-table number
- All done
- Polite fellow
- Change for a five
- Table setting piece
- Art (1920s style)
- Network computers
- Study group
- Expected any minute
- Newsweek rival
- Stratford's river
- "we forget"
- Not findable
- Creative thought
- Poet's daybreak
- Diversify
- Paid player
- AMA members
- Soup veggies
- Self-evident truth
- Some autos
- Goofy
- Low-heeled shoes
- Prefers
- Chris of tennis
- Splendor
- British brews
- Change for a 20
- Land unit
- Messes up
- Actress Farrow
- All the rage

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Laugh Lines

GLEN: I wish I were in your shoes.  
JEN: Why would you want to be in my shoes?  
GLEN: Because mine have holes in them!  
— "The Little Giant Book of Jokes"

# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"I collect shoes. I have them organized by color. I just like looking at them — I don't even wear them that much."  
— Actress Reese Witherspoon, in Teen People.

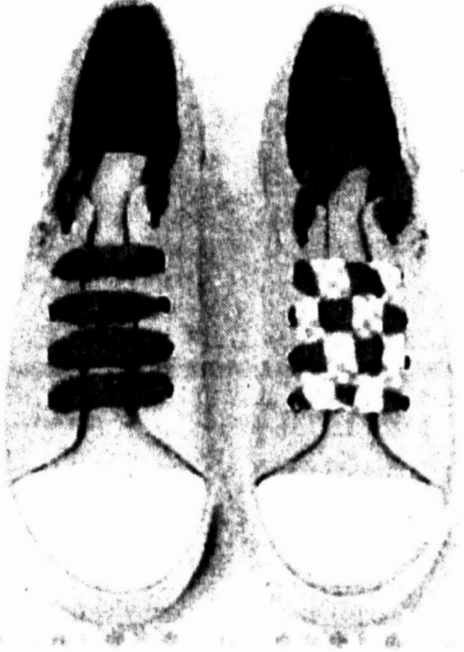


In The News

## Fit to be tied

STRAIGHT (FASHION) LACING

Straight lacing, near right, is the base for checkerboard lacing, far right.  
1. The lace runs straight across the bottom and the ends are fed into both bottom eyelets.  
2. One end runs straight up the right side, emerges and runs straight across the second set of eyelets.  
3. Both ends now run straight up the left side, each skipping one eyelet before emerging two eyelets higher up.  
4. Continue running both ends across the shoe, then straight up two eyelets at a time, until one end reaches the top.  
5. The other end then runs straight across the second to last set of eyelets, then straight up to the top.  
Double cross is straight lacing for shoes with uneven numbered eyelets. This unusual solution works by doubling up the laces through the second-bottom pair of eyelets.



CHECKERBOARD LACING

This is the most time-consuming method of the laces shown. And with contrasting laces, it's an eye-catching option for shoes with six pairs of eyelets.  
1. Start with two pairs of different color laces, preferably the wide, flat variety.  
2. With one color, lace the shoe using Straight (Fashion) Lacing.  
3. With the other color, shown here in pink and white, start at the bottom of the shoe and weave the lace in and out of the other lace until you reach the top.  
4. Fold around the top lace and head back down, weaving out and in until you reach the bottom.  
5. Continue across the shoe until you're out of room or out of lace, whichever comes first.  
6. Tuck the loose ends of the laces into the shoe.  
Q: What do you call the plastic ends on shoelaces?  
A: Aglets. The sheath of plastic keeps the ends of the laces from fraying, which makes it easy to thread them through eyelets.

Try these lacing tips, and put your best foot forward



Here's a stylish update for athletic shoes: Finish them off with fashionable shoelaces. Even inexpensive laces look great when you choose a creative way to lace them.  
Plus, if you don't find colors and styles you like, you can always decorate your own shoelaces.  
Here are some ideas to get you started. Be warned: Teens and trendy adults are likely to steal your ideas.  
**NOTE:** When lacing kids' shoes with only four or five pairs of eyelets, we found that the widely available 45-inch laces were too long. For kids' shoe sizes, start with 36-inch laces and move to shorter ones if needed. Most adult shoes will need laces that are at least 40 inches long.  
— Martha Sheridan, The Dallas Morning News



CRISSCROSS LACING

This is the way most people lace their shoes. To add flair, try threading beads onto the laces either before you start lacing the shoe, or, for bigger beads, adding them after you pull a tie through each hole.

DOUBLE LACING

Double lacing, left, is basically crisscross lacing, but with two sets of laces instead of one. Use contrasting laces.  
1. Start with two different colored laces, each shorter than the original laces from that shoe.  
2. Feed one lace straight across the bottom and emerge from the bottom two eyelets.  
3. Cross the ends over and, skipping one set of eyelets, feed under and emerge from the third set of eyelets.  
4. Continue crossing over and going up two sets of eyelets at a time until you reach either the top or second from top set of eyelets.  
5. Take the other lace and, starting from the second set of eyelets, repeat steps 2 through 4 until the remaining eyelets are laced with the second lace.  
**Variation:** Shorten the laces so you can tie them at the sides of the shoes instead of over the front like most people would. Beads knotted in place are a decorative finish after cutting off the aglets.

LATTICE LACING

Lattice lacing, above, requires shoes with six pairs of eyelets. The lacing felt soft and comfortable on our feet, but it would be difficult to tighten if shoes feel too loose. Experiment with different shoelace colors and patterns to go with your shoes.  
1. The lace runs straight across the bottom and emerges through both bottom eyelets.  
2. Cross the ends over and feed into the fourth set of eyelets up the shoe (skip past two sets of eyelets).  
3. Both ends now run straight down and emerge from the second set of eyelets (skip past one set of eyelets).  
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3, crossing over and feeding into the fifth set of eyelets, then straight down to emerge from the third set of eyelets.  
5. Complete the lacing by crossing over, feeding under and emerging from the top set of eyelets.



The recently discovered *Microcebus lehilahytsara*, or Goodman's mouse lemur, is a distant relative of man's ancient primate ancestors.

### Found: Two new lemur species

Some of the world's most exotic animals roam the African island of Madagascar. This summer, scientists added two new species to the list of animals that can be found only on the island nation. Two types of lemurs were discovered in a rain forest in Madagascar.

TINY ANIMALS, BIG FIND

The first new species is not much bigger than a mouse and spends most of its time in trees. It has a white stripe on its nose; maroon, orange and white fur; and short, rounded ears.  
It was named *Microcebus lehilahytsara*, which means "good man" in Malagasy, the language of Madagascar. The lemur is named in honor of Steve Goodman, a scientist with the World Wildlife Fund and Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History.  
The second species is called *Mirza zaza*. It is nocturnal, weighs about 10 ounces, has a long bushy tail and is the size of a gray squirrel. *Zaza* is the Malagasy word for "child."  
"With this name the new lemur is dedicated to Madagascar's children, to remind them of their responsibility for preserving the island's unique biodiversity for future generations," said a statement from the Field Museum.

RARE ANIMALS

Scientists made the discovery after analyzing the makeup of both lemurs. The new discoveries bring the number of known lemur species to 49.  
Lemurs are the closest living relatives to our ancient primate ancestors who lived about 55 million years ago. They live only on Madagascar and are considered the most endangered of all primates. One-third of lemur species are extinct. Sadly, many lemur species continue to be threatened by hunting and habitat destruction.

FAST FACTS: MADAGASCAR

- Madagascar lies about 250 miles off the east coast of Africa. It is the fourth largest island in the world (slightly less than twice the size of Arizona).
- The island was first visited by European sailors in the year 1500.
- Unique wildlife and one-of-a-kind butterflies, birds and much more live on the island.

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